(b) whether any new rural water supply projects have been undertaken with financial and technical assistance from foreign agencies in Gujarat State ; and

(c) what are the names of small towns in Gujarat covered under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and what is the financial provision in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) In the last year of the VII Plan, 1989-90, the National Drinking Water Mission is concentrating on implementation of activities already approved in the mini mission project areas, coverage of no source residual problem villages etc. Projects/Schemes as per the Action Plan 1989-90, setting up of 100 district level laboratories for water quality monitoring, 128 desalination plants, 130 defluoridation plants and about 5000 iron removal plants etc. have been approved. Instructions have been issued to all the States/UTs about setting up of a programme review Committee for Rural Water Supply at Panchayat, district and state levels for better monitoring, operation and maintenance etc'

(b) No new Rural Water Supply Project has been undertaken during the last 6 months in Gujarat with financial and technical assistance from foreign agencies;

(c) No such proposal under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme has yet been received from Government of Gujarat.

1316, *Transferred to the 4th May, 1989.*

Creation of Additional Employment

1317. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what was the additional employment generated during the Seventh Plan period as against the backlog of unemployment at the beginning of the current plan and the net addition to it during the plan period;

(b) whether Government have been able to reduce unemployment, if not, whether Government propose to allocate more Funds to generate employment to wipe out the backlog; and

(c) whether employment generaiton programmes like the NREP and the RLEGP are being properly monitored and whether there is any inter-action with the Department of Rural Development which implements these programmes ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRYI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFARS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) According to the Seventh Five Year Plan document, the backlog of unemployment at the outset of the plan i.e. in March, 1985, was of the order of 9·2 million for the age group 5+. The net addition to the labour force in the same age group during the 7th plan period (1985—90) would be around 39·38 million. It is expected that additional employment of the order of 40·36 million Standard Person years (i.e. work for 273 days in a year for 8 hours a day) would be genrated during the Seventh Plan period.

(b) The backlog of unemployment at the end of the Plan is likely to be less than that at its beginning. For the year 1989-90, more funds have been allocated for generation of employment in rural areas.

(c) A committee of officials monitors employment generation programmes on which the concerned Central Ministries are represented.